

CITY OF PROSSER, WASHINGTON
601 7TH STREET
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Taylor called the Work Session of the Prosser City Council to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Council Members Rainer, Elder, Everett, Troemel, Hamilton, and Becken were present. Mayor Warden requested an excused absence.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Conference Update

City Administrator Charlie Bush reported on his attendance at the Association of Washington Cities Conference. He provided an overview of House Bills and discussed their status.

Sign Code Discussion

City Planner Steve Zetz provided Council a power point presentation and discussed a draft Ordinance outlining the proposed Sign Code changes and Design Guidelines. Discussion ensued regarding the work of the Sign Code Committee and recommendations presented to Council. Council debated the definition of "blade" and "canopy" signs and whether or not hanging signs should be prohibited. Council concurred the proposed Ordinance was drafted accurately and directed staff to bring it back at the next Regular City Council meeting for consideration.

Zoning Code Update Discussion

City Planner Steve Zetz provided Council with an overview of the proposed Zoning Code changes outlined in eleven draft Ordinances. There was discussion regarding the Prosser Planning Commission's recommendations regarding low-income housing and off-street parking, single family dwelling design guidelines and whether garages should be a requirement or a recommendation. City Attorney Howard Saxton advised how the variance provision process works and discussed the administrative procedure. Council debated their preference on the garage requirement and the variance provision. Council directed staff to bring back a recommendation to a future City Council meeting for further discussion and possible action.

Council Prioritization Discussion

City Administrator Charlie Bush handed out a *City Council Prioritization Budget Process* worksheet and highlighted policy options. Administrator Bush talked about the process and requested Council go through the exercise to help staff identify Council's priorities and guide the 2013 – 2014 budgets. There was discussion about the preservation of essential and/or mandated services and optional services. Administrator Bush explained all Department Heads went through the exercise as well and requested Council return the worksheet with their preferred rankings to City Clerk Rachel Shaw by February 10, 2012. Staff will bring back the master document which will incorporate all Council and staff rankings, to the next Regular City Council meeting presentation and discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

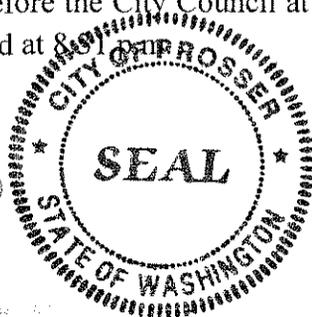
The Executive Session was removed from the Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council at this time, the Regular Meeting of the Prosser City Council was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Attest:


 City Clerk Rachel Shaw




 Mayor Paul Warden